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HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL VERSCHOOL

A note from the Joint Acting Headteachers



We have welcomed a number of new staff to Hydesville this term. Mrs Blower is our new Receptionist, following Mrs Davies' retirement last term. In Prep School Miss Phillips has joined Mr Faulkner-Jones as a Year 3 teacher and Mrs White is teaching in Year 1 until the end of term then will be

covering Mrs Watson's maternity leave in Year 2 from September. Mrs Lynch also joins us in Prep School as our higher level teaching assistant. In our Senior School Miss Cox left us last Friday for maternity leave, so we welcome Mr Wells as her replacement.

We'd like to officially welcome all our new members of staff and are sure you will join us in supporting them in their new roles at Hydesville.

On the subject of new staff, we are all very much looking forward to welcoming our new Headteacher, Mr Honey, who starts in September. Having met him earlier this week he is equally as excited about getting underway in his new role and meeting staff, pupils and parents. In the pocket calendar you will notice we have included details of the 'Meet the New Headteacher' meetings on June 6th and 7th. Letters will be going out shortly with more details.

This term may have just begun but we are already planning for the half term break. Prep families will note we have made arrangements for two Half Term Fun Clubs, one being led by the external company, Sports Plus Scheme. We are delighted to announce a Nursery and Reception Fun Club taking place in school, from Tuesday 30th May to Friday 2nd June, from 9am until 4pm. Further details are being sent out with more information. These holiday clubs have been arranged as a direct response to request from parents for support with childcare during the school holidays and we hope to run similar activities during the summer holiday too.

Prep School Assemblies

The School website has been updated with dates and details of this term's Prep School assemblies, taking place on a Friday. Parents and other family members are welcome to join us for coffee before each assembly. Coffee morning starts at 8.45am in the school dining room, followed by assembly in the school hall from 9.10am, unless otherwise stated.

You can see this term's timetable here: https://www.hydesville.com/parents/prep-school-assemblies-2/

News in brief...

Nursery Star of the Week:

Jasmine (awarded for always trying hard and following the Golden Rules).



Sports person of the Week:

Adiel – Year 2

(awarded for excellent sprinting in PE. He gained 17 points out of 20 in the KS2 Athletics 10 Step Award Scheme. An outstanding result!).



Year 6's Apprentice Challenge

Pupils in Year 6 rose to the Hydesville Challenge of becoming young entrepreneurs and came up with a number of business ideas that even Lord Alan Sugar would be proud of. The children were each given £1 and asked to set up a mini enterprise over the Easter school holidays. Congratulations to Amaan who was crowned 'Entrepreneur of the Year' with his business idea in which he sold samosas to his family and friends. Runners up were Bhoomi and Dilip. Bhoomi



came up with the idea of setting up computer tutoring classes and Dilip sold cakes at the RSPB centre in Sandwell.

May Half Term Fun Clubs

Letters have been sent out about our May Half Term Sports Plus camp, for pupils in Prep School. Please note, this camp is now only open to pupils from Year 1 upwards.

We are also pleased to announce a Fun Club for Nursery and Reception children, being held in school from Tuesday 30th May until Friday 2nd June. More details are



being sent home via pupils. Contact the School Office for more information.

Shaan's royal delivery



Shaan in Reception was excited when he received an extra special delivery this week....a letter from the Queen!

Shaan wrote his a letter a few weeks ago after learning about the Queen in School. He waited patiently for a response and was delighted to receive a personal letter in reply. He was a little bit disappointed that although her Majesty acknowledged his forthcoming birthday she would not unfortunately be able to attend his birthday tea. However, this was soon forgotten when he learnt he would be going on a family trip to Buckingham Palace to see the state rooms and gardens this summer.

Pupil awards and achievements

Congratulations to Karum, Aahil, Chaaya, Emily and Hibba for their swimming awards and achievements. In addition to a swimming award, Kairon received an award for Karate. Well done also to Sana who received an award for attending a Holiday Club.







Congratulations to the following Senior Form Groups who achieved the highest attendance this week (99%):

Form 3 & 6

Congratulations also to the following Prep School Class who achieved 100% attendance this week: 1B 1C 2M 2W 2W

3D

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Science Week poster competiton winners



Well done to those pupils who took part in the Prep School Science Week poster competition; Mr Faulkner-Jones was very impressed with the high standard of work. A special well done to Maaya,

Sofia, Mustafa and Toby who were awarded prizes in today's assembly.



Notices/reminders:

| Sports Plus holiday camp – May half term | Sports Plus are holding a May Half Term holiday sports camp for pupils from Year 1, to age 11. Letters have been sent out. Please contact the School Office for further information. |
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| Family Skittles Night – May 25 th | We're holding a Family Skittles Night on Thursday 25 th May and everyone is invited! Entrance will be £5 per person, to include entrance, a basket meal and soft drink. Teams of four players are invited, and need to be registered in advance. Contact <u>sarah.archer@hydesville.com</u> for more information. |
| School uniform | Please note that standard uniform (winter) is required to be worn this half term (and until we return from the half term break), unless extreme weather occurs, in which case the School Leadership Team will respond and communicate accordingly. |
| Dads v teachers football match | We're holding our annual dads v teachers charity football match at the University of Wolverhampton on Friday 23 rd June (7.30pm kick off). We are looking for willing dads to take part! At half time there will be a pupil match. Please contact Dejay Dass on 07789 070156 if you'd like to take part (dads and pupils!). We also need a referee so do we have any willing volunteers? Spectators will be welcome on the evening. More details to follow. |

Dates coming up week 8th May 2017:

| Monday | After school clubs: |
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| | Kwik Cricket: Upper Prep |
| Tuesday | Parents Evening: Y10 After school clubs: Maths: Seniors French Film Club: Seniors German Intervention: Y11 Music Theory: Upper Prep & Seniors |
| | Drama: Upper Prep Drama: GCSE Football: Year 1 & 2 Art: Prep & Seniors |
| Wednesday | Hydesville Challenge: Y6 Fit for Schools Sessions: Y2 & Y4 After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep Indoor Archer: Upper Prep |
| Thursday | Before school clubs – ICT: Y11 (8.00am – 8.45am) After school clubs – German intervention: Y10 Year 5 Booster Club Study Space: Y11 Musical Theatre: Prep Musical Theatre: Seniors |
| Friday | After school clubs: Karate: Reception - Y6 Duke of Edinburgh: Seniors |

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